



## **MEASURE J RE-IMAGINE LA HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 4:00 PM**

1. The Housing Subcommittee was called to order by Miguel Perla at 4:07 p.m.
2. **Introduction and Grounding**
  - a. Co-chair Sophia Li provided a quick history of the motion behind Measure J.
  - b. Sophia introduced facilitator Liz Sunwoo
  - c. Liz also provided background behind Measure J and explained that Measure J is one of several efforts in the County to advance equity, healing and explained how the Alternatives to Incarceration recommendations and the Anti-Racism
  - d. Liz shared that goals of the meeting and reviewed the agenda. The goals are:
    - i. Share data and stories on focus area
    - ii. Set big goal (north star) for funding recommendations
    - iii. Begin to focus on the what (area of focus) the who (communities of focus) and the how (which programs and services)
    - iv. Identify what additional information that may be needed to make recommendations
  - e. Liz also reviewed group agreements from last week's meeting and provided expectations including the procedure around providing public comments
3. **Subcommittee Orientation**
  - a. Co-chair Bill reviewed the purpose of the subcommittee including its focus area and its goal of providing recommendations to the Advisory Committee.
    - i. Co-chair Bill explained the decision-making process and how members of the public can participate in making recommendations
    - ii. The public may participate in Advisory Committee meetings and subcommittee meetings as well as upcoming town halls and a public survey
4. **Summary of Ideas from Meeting 1**
  - a. **Faciliator Miguel Perla led a review of the brainstorming exercise in last week's meeting**
    - i. Reviewed the questions behind the exercise
    - ii. Reviewed themes that came from last week's meeting
      1. Affordable housing models – expand or refine affordable

- housing models
  - a. Focus should be on community-based housing and not large shelters
  - b. Fund programs that currently have empty beds
  - c. Address people don't have housing
- 2. Different housing models were suggested.
- 3. Highlighted pilot ideas that were shared in the first meeting including:
  - a. Culturally competent housing for Black and indigenous communities
  - b. Highlight recent innovative programs
  - c. Create opportunities for smaller organizations to provide services
- 4. Highlighted suggestions for policy changes

## **5. Data and Analysis Presentations**

### **a. Jackie Guerrero – Advancement Project**

- i. Acknowledged limitations of their data including limitations with data on trans and indigenous communities
  - ii. Data comes from their website, Race Counts, which provides critical race data in all counties in California and includes data in 11 areas with 44 indicators. Will focus mostly on Housing today.
  - iii. Justice Equity Need Index (JENI) is a data tool to assess areas in LA County most negatively impacted by criminalization and detention first policies.
    - 1. Used to determine areas of need in the County
  - iv. Justice Equity Supply Index – still being refined. Aimed to assess service capacity around the County
  - v. Did a survey of system impacted people to see what people need the most when returning home from jail/prison
    - 1. Housing and job assistance among most common responses.
    - 2. Identified local community-based organizations as most trusted source for services.
  - vi. The meeting was opened up for questions and/or comments for the presentation. The following people provided comments
    - 1. Kimberly Berry
    - 2. Phillip Rock Lester
    - 3. Paul Stansbury
    - 4. Shirley Torres
    - 5. Jana Coke
    - 6. Carina Rodriguez
    - 7. Bamby Salcedo
- b. Ryan Izell – Director of Housing, Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR)

- i. ODR is part of the Department of Health Services (DHS)
    - 1. Areas of Work
      - a. Jail based clinical diversion
      - b. Harm reduction and community-based diversion
      - c. Reentry
      - d. Youth Diversion and Development
    - ii. Provided overview of housing services provided by ODR and importance of using an equity lens
    - iii. Also provide summary of ODR's diversion services
    - iv. Public comment
      - 1. Hector Ramirez
      - 2. Lucero Noyola
      - 3. Alvin Tang
      - 4. Michelle Perkins
    - v. Following a break, co-chair Bill acknowledged questions he received asking how the presentations were chosen. Both Bill and Sophia both discussed the role of co-chairs choosing presentations going forward.
  - c. Glenda Pinney Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC)
    - i. Presented on the definition of substance use disorder and the prevalence of the condition
    - ii. Provided eligibility criteria for SAPC services, and demographic makeup of patients
    - iii. Provided description of Recovery Bridge Housing
      - 1. Targets adults exiting institutions who are enrolled in outpatient treatment
    - iv. The subcommittee was opened for public comment. The following people provided comments:
      - 1. Theodore Booker
      - 2. Steve Diaz
      - 3. Cue Jn-Marie
      - 4. Phillip Rock Lester
      - 5. Nina Dooley
- 6. Breakout Room Exercise**
- a. Facilitator asked subcommittee to discuss ideas that upon which the subcommittee should focus and areas in housing that should be focused upon specifically for this year.
- 7. Subcommittee Focus Area**
- a. Miguel led a vote asking who the most impacted groups in housing are and what barriers can be removed through funding.

- i. There was technical issue with the vote. Liz opened up the floor for responses and comments from the public. The following people commented.
  - 1. Rosemary Baraja
  - 2. Jose Arellano
  - 3. Ron
  - 4. Lucero Noyola
- b. Sophia and Bill provided closing comments and raised the issue of having more community discussion instead of presentations.

## **8. Adjournment**

Adjournment for the Measure J Re-Imagine LA Housing Subcommittee of Wednesday, February 11, 2021.

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned by co-chairs Bill Tarkanian and Sophia Li